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Or bleeds great Washington upon the field.
Such ills as these, propitious heaven avert!
Still shall its guardian power Columbia shield:
Fair freedom's cause her sons shall ne'er desert,
Her Hero still shall triumph on the field.
Yet conscious fate foretels some sad event,
And thus with sympathy informs my mind,
E'en now the fatal shafts of death are spent,
And, to his power, some valued friend's resign'd.
Behold the ghastly Monarch aim the dart;
See from his hand the bearded javelin sped:
What sudden anguish now pervades my heart,
For Burwell's number'd with the virtuous dead!
Serene he met the ruthless tyrant's frown,
And look'd exulting to that blest abode,
Where virtue finds an everlasting crown;
"The bosom of his father and his God."
Tho' lost to splendour and unknown to fame,
To deck his urn no future laurels rise;
Yet friendship by her tribute shall proclaim,
How the true Hero and the Christian dies.

PROCLAMATION OF PATRICK HENRY.

By His Excellency Patrick Henry, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas I have received certain intelligence that General Gates, after repeated advantages gained over General Burgoyne, compelled him on the 14th day of this month to surrender himself and the whole army prisoners of war: NOW, to the end that we may not, through a vain and presumptuous confidence in our own strength, be led away to forget the hand of Heaven, whose assistance we have so often in times of distress implored, and which, as frequently before, so more especially now, we have

experienced in this signal success of the arms of the United States, whereby the divine sanction of the righteousness of our cause is most illustriously displayed, I have thought proper, by and with the advice of the Council of State, to appoint Thursday the thirteenth day of the next month to be observed, in all churches and congregations of Christians throughout the State, as a day of general and solemn thanksgiving; and it is most earnestly recommended to the several ministers and teachers of the Gospel, and they are hereby enjoined to embrace this opportunity of impressing on the minds of their hearers those sentiments of pious joy which the glorious occasion so aptly calls for.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber, *in the city of Williamsburg,* this 31st day of October, in the second year of the Commonwealth, Annoque Domini 1777.

God save the United States. P. HENRY.

JOURNAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND MASTERS OR PROFESSORS OF WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE.

(*Continued from* 143.)

May 10, 1777.

At a meeting of the President & Masters of W^{m} & Mary College.

Present:

The Revd Mr Camm, P^{r}; Mr Madison & Mr Bracken.

Resolved, unanimously, that Mr John Stuart be appointed a scholar on the Nottoway Foundation in the room of Mr Wm Starke.

Resolved, unanimously, that no recommendations be made to the Visitors for the Foundations given by the Honble the Assembly, & supported by a Duty on Liquors, as the College at present derives no emolument from that Appointment. (268)